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Healthcare Transparency – Lower Cost & Better Value

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$$\text{Value} = \text{Quality} / \text{Price}$$



Cost - Comparison

- Asking Price.
- Discount Price.
- Insurance Contract Price.



Check your insurance Company's Website
and Call the Hospital.

Cost - Asking Price

Facility	Veni-Puncture	TSH	Free T4
Hospital #1	\$26.00	\$126.00	\$93.00
Hospital #2	\$6.75	\$47.50	\$74.75
Hospital #3	\$18.00	\$219.00	\$167.00
Hospital #4	\$22.00	\$63.00	\$84.00
Outside Labs	\$11.50	\$52.50	\$46.55

Cost - Discount Price

Facility	Veni-Puncture	TSH	Free T4
Hospital #1	\$26.00	\$126.00	\$93.00
Hospital #2	\$4.40	\$38.00	\$59.80
Hospital #3	\$14.40	\$164.25	\$125.25
Hospital #4	\$10.34	\$29.61	\$63.00
Outside Labs	\$11.50	\$52.50	\$46.55

Cost - T & A Surgery

Facility	T & A Over 12	T & A Max Discount
Hospital #1	XX	XX
Hospital #2	\$4100.00 (Including Anesthesia)	\$3,280.00 (Including Anesthesia)
Hospital #3	\$7,334 - \$5013	\$5500 - \$3760
Hospital #4	\$6,427.10	\$3,020.74
Out Pt. Surgery Center #1	\$1,886.00	\$1,508.80
Out Pt. Surgery Center #2	\$1,100.00	\$825.00
Out Pt. Surgery Center #3	\$2,373.00	\$1,186.50

Cost – T & A Surgery

Blue Cross / Blue Shield

Facility	Low	High
Hospital #1	\$3463	\$4092
Hospital #2	\$5351	\$5981
Hospital #3	\$3463	\$4092
Hospital #4	\$2203	\$2833
Out Pt. Surgery Center #1	\$2203	\$2833
Out Pt. Surgery Center #2	\$1574	\$2203
Out Pt. Surgery Center #3	\$1574	\$2203



Kentucky Hospital Charge Information

[About this Web Site](#)[Instructions](#)[Find a Hospital](#)[Quality Links](#)[JCAHO](#)[KY Dept Public Health](#)[Hospital Compare](#)[CMS](#)[Main Page](#) ->

Criteria Selection Screen

(Please select a hospital from the left - for all hospitals choose ----ALL HOSPITALS----

Hospital List

----- ALL HOSPITALS -----
ARH Regional Medical Center
Baptist Hospital East
Baptist Hospital Northeast
Baptist Regional Medical Center
Bluegrass Community Hospital
Bourbon Community Hospital
Breckinridge Memorial Hospital
Caldwell County Hospital

[<< Remove](#)

User's Hospital Selection List

Baptist Hospital Northeast
Baptist Regional Medical Center

Year: **2009** ▼

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Cost - KHA

MSDRG '234' Report Kentucky Acute Care Hospitals - Inpatient Data

2008

MSDRG: 234 Coronary bypass w cardiac cath w/o MCC

Change

Click on Column Headings to Sort

Hospital (C - Comments)	2008 Discharges	Median Charges	10th Percentile	90th Percentile	Median Length of Stay	Median Age
Statewide	1409	\$67,461.76	\$47,389.23	\$115,619.72	7.0	61
	111	\$62,634.69	\$53,054.62	\$73,664.90	6.0	61
	153	\$44,646.29	\$37,381.21	\$59,623.05	7.0	62


High Cost of Never Events

Medicare Cases and Charges Per Patient per Year

	US Cases	Charge to Medicare Per Patient
Serious Bed Sores	257,412	\$43,180
Fractures/Burns	193,566	\$33,894
Catheter UTI	12,536	\$44,043
Infections from Catheters	29,536	\$103,027
Objects Left at Surgery	750	\$63,631



Never Events - Cost

- Medicare is no longer paying for these events.
 - “Nearly 80% of the more than 50 employers and other health care purchasers responding to the survey said plans should stop paying for services stemming from errors or related complications once Medicare officials have made the determination that the events should never occur in a hospital.” *American Medical News March 23, 2009*
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Resources for Quality

- Hospital Compare
 - USA Today
 - Kentucky Hospital Association
 - Leap Frog
 - Consumer Reports
 - Joint Commission
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Resources for Quality

- Hospital Compare – Compares the compliance with processes and protocols.
 - Other sites compare outcomes. However, outcomes also vary with the patient population and severity of illnesses treated.
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Medicare.gov

Manage Your Health

Medicare Basics

Resource Locator

Help & Support

Help

For Consumers

For Professionals

Medicare.gov Hospital Compare Home

Hospital Compare

Where do you want to find a hospital?

Search Information

Location - ZIP Code or City, State

e.g. 10009 or New York, NY

Search type [?]

- ☒ General
- ☐ Medical Conditions
- ☐ Surgical Procedures

Find Hospitals



Hospital Spotlight

Are You a Hospital Inpatient or Outpatient?

Hospital Compare now includes information that will help consumers compare the quality of information available in hospital outpatient departments.

For more information about the differences between inpatients and outpatients, read our fact sheet, **Are You a Hospital Inpatient or Outpatient?**

Additional Information

- View a list of Hospital Compare Contacts
- Download the Hospital Compare Database (Data Last Updated: October 7, 2010)

Hospital Compare

Currently viewing **11** hospitals available within **50 miles** of **ZIP Code 42503**.

 [Modify Your Results](#)

 [View Your Results on a Map and Get Driving Directions](#)

General Information

Quality of Care

Medicare Payment & Volume Data

Currently viewing **11** hospitals available within **50 miles** of **ZIP Code 42503**.



Select up to three hospitals to compare.

Your results are currently sorted by Distance.

	HOSPITAL NAME, ADDRESS	DISTANCE ▲	HOSPITAL TYPE	EMERGENCY SERVICES
	LAKE CUMBERLAND REGIONAL HOSPITAL 305 LANGDON STREET SOMERSET, KY 42503 (606) 679-7441 Add To My Favorites 	1.1 Miles  Map & Directions 	Acute Care	Yes
	ROCKCASTLE HOSPITAL 145 NEWCOMB AVENUE, P O BOX 1310 MOUNT VERNON, KY 40456 (606) 256-2195 Add To My Favorites 	29.5 Miles  Map & Directions 	Acute Care	No
	WAYNE COUNTY HOSPITAL 166 HOSPITAL STREET MONTICELLO, KY 42633 (606) 348-9343 Add To My Favorites 	29.8 Miles  Map & Directions 	Critical Access	Yes

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Hospital Compare

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Search Type [?]

☒ General☐ Medical Conditions☐ Surgical Procedures[Modify Results](#)[View All Measures](#)[Process of Care Measures](#)

Survey of Patients' Hospital Experiences

HCAHPS (Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems) is a national survey that asks patients about their experiences during a recent hospital stay. Use the results shown here to compare hospitals based on ten important hospital quality topics. [Read more information about the survey of patients' hospital experiences.](#)

[View Graphs »](#)[View Tables »](#)

LAKE CUMBERLAND REGIONAL HOSPITAL

305 LANGDON STREET
SOMERSET, KY 42503
(606) 679-7441

Acute Care
1.1 miles

[Map & Directions](#)[Add To My Favorites](#)

ROCKCASTLE HOSPITAL

145 NEWCOMB AVENUE, P
O BOX 1310
MOUNT VERNON, KY 40456
(606) 256-2195

Acute Care
29.5 miles

[Map & Directions](#)[Add To My Favorites](#)



Outpatients with chest pain or possible heart attack who got aspirin within 24 hours of arrival (higher numbers are better)

Not Available

87%

96%

Heart Attack Patients Given Aspirin at Arrival

100%¹

99%

99%

Heart Attack Patients Given Aspirin at Discharge

100%¹

97%

100%

Heart Attack Patients Given ACE Inhibitor or ARB for Left Ventricular Systolic Dysfunction (LVSD)

0 patients⁺

93%

95%

Heart Attack Patients Given Smoking Cessation Advice/Counseling

100%¹

100%

100%

Heart Attack Patients Given Beta Blocker at Discharge

100%¹

98%

100%

Heart Attack Patients Given Fibrinolytic Medication Within 30 Minutes Of Arrival

0 patients⁺

0 patients⁺

0 patients⁺

Heart Attack Patients Given PCI Within 90 Minutes Of Arrival

0 patients⁺


76%

94%



Resources for Quality


Hospital Compare - Medical

- Percent of patients who reported that their room and bathroom were "Always" clean.
 - Percent of patients who reported that the area around their room was "Always" quiet at night.
 - Percent of patients who reported YES, they would definitely recommend the hospital.
 - Percent of patients at each hospital who reported that YES, they were given information about what to do during their recovery at home.
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Resources for Quality

Hospital Compare - Surgery

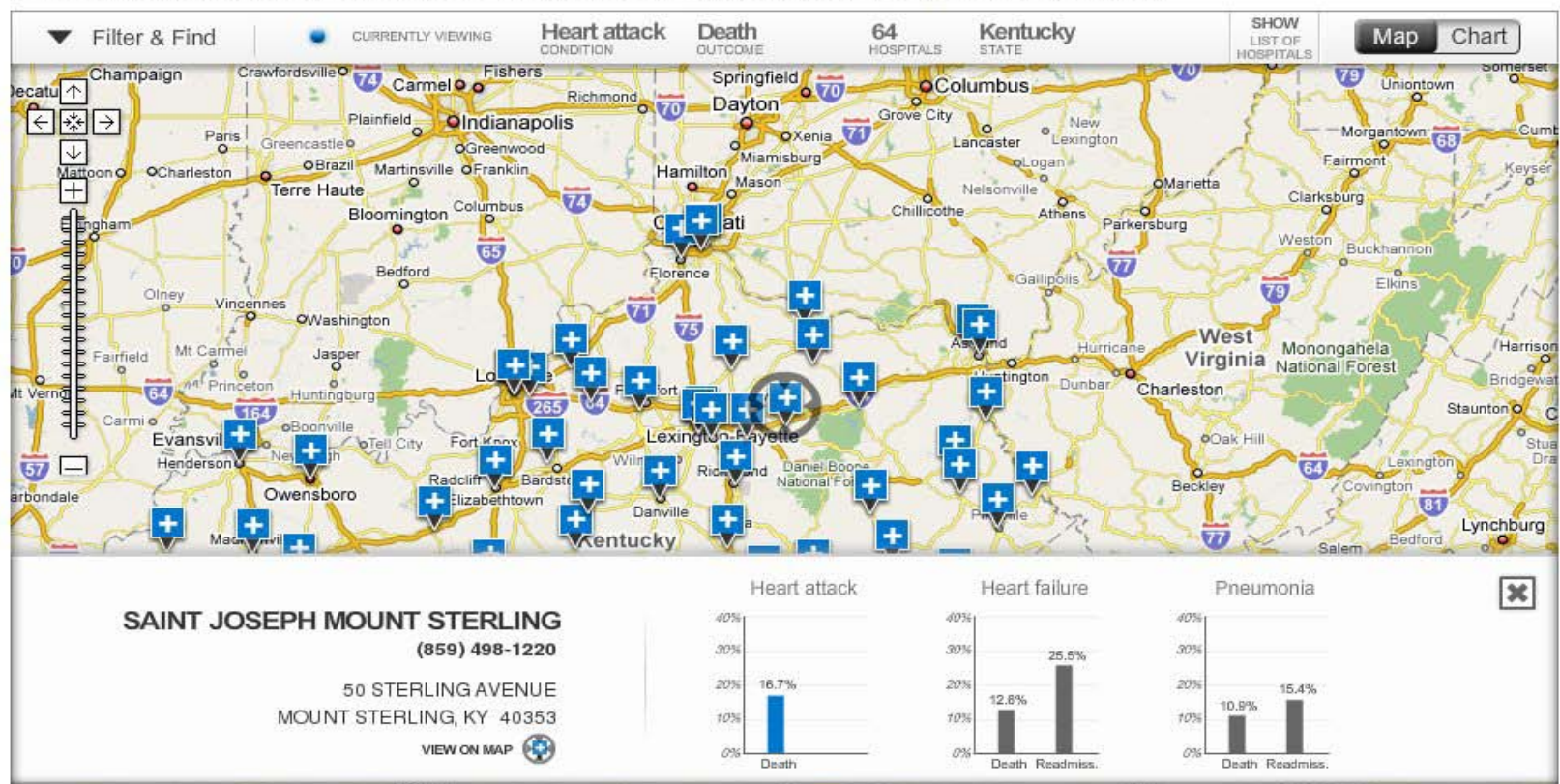
- Percent of surgery patients who were given an antibiotic at the right time (within one hour before surgery) to help prevent infection.
 - Percent of surgery patients whose preventive antibiotics were stopped at the right time (within 24 hours after surgery).
 - Percent of surgery patients whose doctors ordered treatments to prevent blood clots after certain types of surgeries.
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Resources for Quality

- USA Today – Mortality and Morbidity

U.S hospital death rates

Review death and readmission rates from 2005 - '08 for select conditions at hospitals throughout the United States.



Resources for Quality

- USA Today – Mortality & Readmission

	Hospital #1	Hospital #2	Hospital #3
Heart Attacks			
Death	16.50%	17.80%	17.30%
Readmission	22.00%	19.70%	19.30%
Heart Failure			
Death	8.00%	13.00%	10.80%
Readmission	25.40%	25.80%	21.20%
Pneumonia			
Death	8.10%	14.20%	12.00%
Readmission	18.10%	21.80%	17.30%

Resources for Quality

- KY Hosp Asso. – Mortality – Risk Adj

	Hospital #1	Hospital #2	Hospital #3
Heart Attacks			
Death	3.92%	10.95%	6.18%
Heart Failure			
Death	1.92%	4.92%	1.10%
Pneumonia			
Death	1.05%	6.09%	2.71%



Kentucky
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Kentucky hospitals care for more than 600,000 people annually on an inpatient basis.



Find a Hospital

Online Resources

- ◆ [Quality & Pricing Information](#)
- ◆ [Emergency Preparedness](#)
- ◆ [Health Care Links](#)
- ◆ [HCML](#)
- ◆ [Allied Societies](#)
- ◆ [Education and Publications](#)
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Quality & Pricing Information

Kentucky hospitals are leading the way in informing consumers and health care purchasers about hospital charges, length of stay and the quality of care. Use the links below to access the most current data related to hospitals in Kentucky.

- [Kentucky Hospital Charge Information](#)
- [KHA Quality Data](#) - AHRQ Quality Indicators
- [Patient Safety and Quality Information](#)



About these Reports

KHA AHRQ Reports

AHRQ State Snapshots

Hospital Charge Data

Hospital Compare

QualityCheck (JCAHO)

Quality Links

National Quality Forum

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KHA Home

Agency for Healthcare Quality & Research

The [Quality Indicators](#) are a set of measures developed by the [Agency for Healthcare Quality & Research](#) that provide a perspective on hospital quality of care using [hospital administrative data](#). These nationally recognized indicators reflect quality of care inside hospitals and include inpatient mortality for certain procedures and medical conditions; utilization of procedures for which there are questions of overuse, underuse, and misuse; and volume of procedures for which there is some evidence that a higher volume of procedures is associated with lower mortality.

- [About Kentucky Hospital Data and these reports](#)
- [Click here for AHRQ Frequently Asked Questions about the Quality Indicators](#)
- [About the IQI Indicators Included in this Site](#)
- [About the PSI Indicators Included in this Site](#)















These statistics and descriptions do not begin to represent all there is to know about the quality of hospitals. You should not attempt to choose a hospital based solely on statistics and descriptions such as those in this report. Current methods of assessing hospital quality are not mature enough to support such a use.

Run Inpatient Quality Reports!

Run Patient Safety Indicator Reports!

Resources for Quality

- KY Hosp Asso. – Mortality – Risk Adj

AHRQ Indicator 12: In-Hosp Mortality CABG Time Period: Oct 2007 - Sept 2008						
AHRQ Definition Technical Documentation Medical Definition Graph						
Hospital   (Click on arrows to sort column)	Qualifying Cases  	Total Cases  	Observed Rate  	Risk Adjusted Rate  	RA Low  	RA High  
National Rate				3.07%		
Statewide	144	5364	2.68%	1.72%	1.36%	2.09%
	0	76	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	2.97%
	9	224	4.02%	1.86%	0.38%	3.35%
	17	446	3.81%	2.73%	1.37%	4.09%
	6	88	6.82%	6.08%	2.68%	9.48%
	17	751	2.26%	1.29%	0.36%	2.22%
	20	666	3.00%	1.94%	0.90%	2.98%
	4	97	4.12%	1.94%	0.00%	4.23%
	9	229	3.93%	3.14%	1.15%	5.13%
	15	306	4.90%	2.49%	1.14%	3.85%
	2	210	0.95%	0.53%	0.00%	2.23%
	4	332	1.20%	0.85%	0.00%	2.41%
	2	69	2.90%	1.54%	0.00%	4.44%
	2	145	1.38%	1.30%	0.00%	4.09%
	0	94	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	3.37%
	19	784	2.42%	1.68%	0.67%	2.68%
	0	174	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	1.97%
	1	242	0.41%	0.46%	0.00%	2.79%
	10	166	6.02%	3.20%	1.29%	5.11%
	0	27	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	7.64%
	7	238	2.94%	1.93%	0.22%	3.63%

Resources for Quality

■ Consumer Reports

Conservative

Aggressive

What is "conservative" care?

- Fewer days spent in the hospital
- Fewer days spent in the intensive care unit
- Fewer doctor visits overall, usually with an emphasis on primary care.

What is "aggressive" care?

- More days in the hospital
- More days in intensive care units
- More doctor visits overall, usually with an emphasis on specialty care.

27 hospitals shown

Selected: Lexington, Kentucky

Sort by Hospital A-Z

Hospital	Conservative or Aggressive?	Patient Cost for Doctor Visits
	<div> <div>CONSERVATIVE</div> <div>AGGRESSIVE</div> <div>0% —————> 100%</div> </div>	
Details	41%	
Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center Paintsville, KY Details	<div> <div></div> <div>84%</div> </div>	\$3,181.00
Pikeville Medical Center Pikeville, KY Details	<div> <div></div> <div>72%</div> </div>	\$2,772.00
Samaritan Hospital Lexington, KY Details	<div> <div></div> <div>72%</div> </div>	\$2,787.00

Resources for Quality

- Leap Frog Group - 2008 Report.
- 1282 Acute Care Hospitals in 44 States. 35% meet all standards.

65% of participating hospitals do not have all recommended policies in place to prevent HAI.

In KY, Six hospitals participated in Leap Frog Survey. Only 2 hospitals adopt Leap Frog's (NQF) Policy on Never Events.

No KY hospital fully meet all of the recommendations.



Resources for Quality

- Leap Frog Group



Resources for Quality

- Joint Commission



The screenshot shows the homepage of The Joint Commission website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: ADVANCED SEARCH | CONTACT US | SITE MAP | CAREERS | NEWSROOM | QUALITY CHECK. Below this is the Joint Commission logo, which consists of a stylized 'J' made of yellow and blue squares, followed by the text 'The Joint Commission' and the tagline 'HELPING HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATIONS HELP PATIENTS'. To the right of the logo is a search bar with the text 'SEARCH' and a 'GO' button. Below the logo and search bar is a horizontal menu with buttons for: ACCREDITATION PROGRAMS, CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS, STANDARDS, PATIENT SAFETY, SENTINEL EVENT, PUBLIC POLICY REPORTS, PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT, LIBRARY, and ABOUT US. The main content area is divided into three sections: 'Top Story', 'How to Become Accredited/Certified', and 'Top Spots'. The 'Top Story' section features a photograph of two men in white lab coats looking at a laptop. To the right of the photo is a text block that reads: 'Quality outcomes and "best in nation" performance is important to our organization, so it is crucial that we compare ourselves against nationally standardized benchmarks of performance. The Joint Commission's Strategic Surveillance System (S3) supports and validates process changes and improves outcomes.' Below this text is the name 'Steven B. Lowenthal, M.D.' and his title: 'Senior Vice President of Medical Affairs and Chief Medical Officer, Rush-Copley Medical Center, Chicago, Illinois'. The 'Top Spots' section is currently empty. On the right side of the page, there is a sidebar with the heading 'The Joint Commission Connect™' and a 'GO' button. Below this are links for 'Login Help' and 'Forgot Password?'. The sidebar also contains a section titled 'Joint Commission News' with three news items: 'CMS Recognizes The Joint Commission's Critical Access Hospital Accreditation - 7/8/09' with a 'Read More' link, 'Joint Commission Online - 7/8/09' with a 'Read Newsletter' link, and 'SII Chapters for Phase II Programs Now Available - 7/1/09' with a 'Read More' link. At the bottom of the sidebar, there is a link for 'Standards Field Review: Staffing'.

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7/1/09

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Nov 13th, 2009 The third annual conference for Health Care Transparency and Patient Advocacy.

Keynote Speaker: Dr Regina Herzlinger, Professor of Business Administration Chair at the Harvard Business School. Author of "Who Killed Health Care?".



Presenters will include Joycelyn Elders, MD, former US Surgeon General and L. D. Britt, MD, Chairman of the American College of Surgeons Board of Regents. [Download Brochure](#)

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www.healthconference.org

Conference

- Conference for Healthcare Transparency & Patient Advocacy – Nov 19, 2010 in Lexington KY, 42503.



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To Patient



Kentucky ranks 45th in a country with below average health care for industrialized nations. (Commonwealth Fund 2009 State Healthcare Scorecard)



Kentucky's 5th Congressional District has the lowest life expectancy in the nation. (The Measure of America — Social Science Research Council)

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